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### SOME 3-REMAINDER CORDIAL GRAPHS

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#### ABSTRACT

Let  $G$  be a  $(p, q)$  graph. Let  $f$  be a function from  $V(G)$  to the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, k\}$  where  $k$  is an integer  $2 < k \leq |V(G)|$ . For each edge  $uv$  assign the label  $r$  where  $r$  is the remainder when  $f(u)$  is divided by  $f(v)$  (or)  $f(v)$  is divided by  $f(u)$  according as  $f(u) \geq f(v)$  or  $f(v) \geq f(u)$ . Then the function  $f$  is called a  $k$ -remainder cordial labeling of  $G$  if  $|v_f(i) - v_f(j)| \leq 1, i, j \in \{1, \dots, k\}$  where  $v_f(x)$  denote the number of vertices labelled with  $x$  and  $|\eta_f(0) - \eta_f(1)| \leq 1$  where  $\eta_f(0)$  and  $\eta_f(1)$  respectively denote the number of edges labelled with an even integers and number of edges labelled with an odd integers. A graph admits a  $k$ -remainder cordial labeling is called a  $k$ - remainder cordial graph. In this paper we investigate the 3- remainder cordial labeling behavior of path, cycle, star, complete graph, comb, crown, etc,

**Keywords:** Path, Cycle, Star, Complete graph, Comb, Crown.

## I. INTRODUCTION

We considered only finite and simple graphs. A comb is a caterpillar in which each vertex in the path is joined to exactly one pendant vertex. A crown  $C_n \odot K_1$  graph is obtained by joining a pendant edge to each vertex of  $C_n$ . The corona of  $G_1$  with  $G_2$ ,  $G_1 \odot G_2$  is the graph obtained by taking one copy of  $G_1$  and  $p_1$  copies of  $G_2$  and joining the  $i$ th vertex of  $G_1$  with an edge to every vertex in the  $i$ th copy of  $G_2$ . Cahit [1], introduced the concept of cordial labeling of graphs. Ponraj et al. [4, 6], introduced remainder cordial labeling of graphs and investigate the remainder cordial labeling behavior of path, cycle, star, bistar, complete graph,  $S(K_{1,n})$ ,  $S(B_{n,n})$ ,  $K(1,n) \cup S(B(n,n))$ ,  $S(K(1,n)) \cup S(B(n,n))$ , etc., and also the concept of  $k$ -remainder cordial labeling introduced in [5] recently. They investigate the 4-remainder cordial labeling behavior of several graphs. In this paper we investigate the 3- remainder cordial labeling behavior of path, cycle, star, complete graph, comb, crown, etc.,. Terms are not defined here follows from Harary [3] and Gallian [2].

## II. K- REMAINDER CORDIAL LABELING

**Definition 2.1 :** Let  $G$  be a  $(p, q)$  graph. Let  $f$  be a function from  $V(G)$  to the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, k\}$  where  $k$  is an integer  $2 < k \leq |V(G)|$ . For each edge  $uv$  assign the label  $r$  where  $r$  is the remainder when  $f(u)$  is divided by  $f(v)$  (or)  $f(v)$  is divided by  $f(u)$  according as  $f(u) \geq f(v)$  or  $f(v) \geq f(u)$ . The function  $f$  is called a  $k$ -remainder cordial labeling of  $G$  if  $|v_f(i) - v_f(j)| \leq 1, i, j \in \{1, \dots, k\}$  where  $v_f(x)$  denote the number of vertices labeled with  $x$  and  $|\eta_f(0) - \eta_f(1)| \leq 1$  where  $\eta_f(0)$  and  $\eta_f(1)$  respectively denote the number of edges labeled with an even integers and number of edges labelled with an odd integers. A graph with a  $k$ - remainder cordial labeling is called a  $k$ - remainder cordial graph.

Now we investigate the 3- remainder cordial labeling behavior of the path  $P_n$ .

**Theorem 2.2 :** The path  $P_n$  is 3- remainder cordial for all  $n$ .

**Proof.** Let  $P_n$  be the path  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$ . We now give a 3- remainder cordial labeling to the path  $P_n$ . The proof of this theorem is proved in the following three cases.

**Case(i):**  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$

**Subcase(i):**  $n$  is even.

Assign the labels 1,1, and 2 to the vertices  $u_1, u_2,$  and  $u_3$  respectively. Next assign the labels 3,2, and 3 respectively to the vertices  $u_4, u_5,$  and  $u_6,$  and then assign the labels 1,1, and 2 to the vertices  $u_7, u_8,$  and  $u_9$  respectively. Then next assign the labels 3,2, and 3 respectively to the vertices  $u_{10}, u_{11},$  and  $u_{12}$ . Proceeding like this until we reach the vertex  $u_n$ . Note that in this process the last vertex  $u_n$  receive the label 3.

**Subcase(ii):**  $n$  is odd.

As in case(i), assign the labels to the vertices  $u_i, (1 \leq i \leq n - 3)$ . Finally assign the labels 1, 2, and 3 respectively to the vertices  $u_{n-2}, u_{n-1},$  and  $u_n$ .

Thus the table 1, given below establish that this vertex labeling  $f$  is 3- remainder cordial labeling of  $P_n$ .

Table – 1

Nature of $n$	$v_f(1)$	$v_f(2)$	$v_f(3)$	$\eta_f(0)$	$\eta_f(1)$
$n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ & $n$ is even	$\frac{n}{3}$	$\frac{n}{3}$	$\frac{n}{3}$	$\frac{n-2}{2}$	$\frac{n}{2}$
$n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ & $n$ is odd	$\frac{n}{3}$	$\frac{n}{3}$	$\frac{n}{3}$	$\frac{n-1}{2}$	$\frac{n-1}{2}$

**Case(ii):**  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$

Fix the labels 3,2, and 1 to the first three vertices  $u_1, u_2,$  and  $u_3$  and fix the labels 1,2,3, and 2 respectively to the last four vertices  $u_{n-2}, u_{n-2}, u_{n-1},$  and  $u_n$ .

**Subcase(i):**  $n$  is even.

Assign the labels 1,2, and 3 to the vertices  $u_4, u_5,$  and  $u_6$  respectively. Next assign the labels 2, 3, and 1 respectively to the vertices  $u_7, u_8,$  and  $u_9,$  and assign the labels 1,2, and 3 to the vertices  $u_{10}, u_{11},$  and  $u_{12}$  respectively. Then assign the labels 2, 3, and 1 respectively to the vertices  $u_{13}, u_{14},$  and  $u_{15}$ . Continuing like this until we reach the vertex  $u_{n-4}$ . Observe that in this process the last vertex  $u_{n-4}$  receive the label 3.

**Subcase(ii):**  $n$  is odd.

In this case, assign the labels to the vertices  $u_i, (1 \leq i \leq n-4)$  in the following pattern: 1,2, 3; 2,3,1 ; ..... ; 1,2, 3; 2,3,1 respectively to the vertices  $u_4, u_5, u_6 ; u_7, u_8, u_9 ; \dots ; u_{n-9}, u_{n-8}, u_{n-7}; u_{n-6}, u_{n-5}, u_{n-4}$ .

The table 2, shows that this vertex labeling  $f$  is 3- remainder cordial labeling of  $P_n$  graph for this case

Table – 2

Nature of $n$	$v_f(1)$	$v_f(2)$	$v_f(3)$	$\eta_f(0)$	$\eta_f(1)$
$n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ & $n$ is even	$\frac{n-1}{3}$	$\frac{n+2}{3}$	$\frac{n-1}{3}$	$\frac{n}{2}$	$\frac{n-2}{2}$
$n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ & $n$ is odd	$\frac{n-1}{3}$	$\frac{n+2}{3}$	$\frac{n-1}{3}$	$\frac{n-1}{2}$	$\frac{n-1}{2}$

Case(iii):  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$

First fix the labels 3,2, and 1 to the first three vertices  $u_1, u_2,$  and  $u_3$  and fix the labels 3, and 2 to the last two vertices  $u_{n-1},$  and  $u_n$  respectively.

Subcase(i):  $n$  is even.

Assign the labels 1,2, and 3 to the vertices  $u_4, u_5,$  and  $u_6$  respectively. Next assign the labels 2, 3, and 1 respectively to the vertices  $u_7, u_8,$  and  $u_9,$  and assign the labels 1,2, and 3 to the vertices  $u_{10}, u_{11},$  and  $u_{12}$  respectively. Then assign the labels 2, 3, and 1 respectively to the vertices  $u_{13}, u_{14},$  and  $u_{15}.$  Continuing like this until we reach the vertex  $u_{n-2}.$  Clearly in this process the vertex  $u_{n-2}$  receive the label 3.

Subcase(ii):  $n$  is odd.

Assign the labels to the vertices  $u_i$  in the following ways: 1,2, 3; 2,3,1 ; ..... ; 1,2, 3; 2,3,1 respectively to the vertices  $u_4, u_5, u_6 ; u_7, u_8, u_9 ; \dots ; u_{n-7}, u_{n-6}, u_{n-5}; u_{n-4}, u_{n-3}, u_{n-2}.$

The table 3, establish that this vertex labeling  $f$  is 3-remainder cordial labeling of the path.

Table – 3

Nature of $n$	$v_f(1)$	$v_f(2)$	$v_f(3)$	$\eta_f(0)$	$\eta_f(1)$
$n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ & $n$ is even	$\frac{n-2}{3}$	$\frac{n+1}{3}$	$\frac{n+1}{3}$	$\frac{n}{2}$	$\frac{n-2}{2}$
$n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ & $n$ is odd	$\frac{n-2}{3}$	$\frac{n+1}{3}$	$\frac{n+1}{3}$	$\frac{n-1}{2}$	$\frac{n-1}{2}$

Corollary 2.3: All cycles are 3-remainder cordial for all values of  $n.$

Proof: The vertex labeling given in theorem 2.2, is obviously 3- remainder cordial labeling of the cycle  $C_n.$

Next we investigate the 3- remainder cordial labeling behavior of the Star  $K_{1,n}.$

Theorem 2.4 : The star  $K_{1,n}$  graph is 3- remainder cordial iff  $n \in \{1, 2,3,4,5,6,7,9\}.$

Proof. Let  $V(K_{1,n}) = \{u, u_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and  $E(K_{1,n}) = \{uu_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}.$  Then the graph  $K_{1,n}$  has  $n+1$  vertices and  $n$  edges. Now we give a 3- remainder cordial labeling of the star.

Assign the label 2 to the  $n^{\text{th}}$  degree vertex  $u.$  The table 4 gives the 3- remainder cordial labeling of  $K_{1,n}$  for  $n \in \{1, 2,3,4,5,6,7,9\}.$

Table 4

$u/u_i$	$u_1$	$u_2$	$u_3$	$u_4$	$u_5$	$u_6$	$u_7$	$u_8$	$u_9$
1	1								
2	1	3							
3	1	3	2						
4	1	3	2	3					
5	1	3	2	3	1				
6	1	3	2	3	1	3			
7	1	3	2	3	1	3	2		
9	1	3	2	3	1	3	2	1	3

**Case(i):**  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$  and  $n > 9$ .

Let  $n = 3t$ .

**Subcase(i):**  $f(u) = 1$ .

In this case all the edges received the label 0. That is  $\eta_f(0) = n$ . which is a contradiction.

**Subcase(ii):**  $f(u) = 2$ .

Clearly  $\eta_f(0) \geq t-1 + t = 2t-1$ , which is a contradiction.

**Subcase(iii):**  $f(u) = 3$ .

Similar to subcase(ii).

**Case(ii):**  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$  and  $n > 7$ .

Let  $n = 3t + 1$ .

**Subcase(i):**  $f(u) = 1$ .

In this case all the edges received the label 0. That is  $\eta_f(0) = n$ . which is again a contradiction.

**Subcase(ii):**  $f(u) = 2$  (or) 3.

In this case

$\eta_f(0) \geq 2t$ , which is a contradiction to size of  $K_{(1,n)}$  is  $3t+1$ .

**Case(iii):**  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$  and  $n > 6$ .

As in case(i), we get a contradiction.

**Theorem 2.5:** The complete graph  $K_n$  is 3- remainder cordial iff  $n \leq 3$ .

**Proof:** The graphs  $K_1, K_2$  are 3- remainder cordial follows from the theorem 2.2 and  $K_3$  is 3- remainder cordial by corollary 2.3.

**Case(i):**  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$

Let  $n = 3t$  where  $t > 1$ . Suppose the function  $f$  is 3- remainder cordial labeling of  $K_n$ . This implies that  $v_f(1) = v_f(2) = v_f(3) = t$ . Then clearly  $\eta_f(1) = t^2$  and  $\eta_f(0) = \binom{t}{2} + \binom{t}{2} + \binom{t}{2} + t^2 + t^2$

$$= 3\binom{t}{2} + 2t^2$$

$$= 3\frac{t(t-1)}{2} + 2t^2$$

We get  $\eta_f(0) - \eta_f(1) = 3\frac{t(t-1)}{2} + 2t^2 - t^2 = 3\frac{t(t-1)}{2} + t^2$ .

Therefore  $|\eta_f(0) - \eta_f(1)| > 1$ , a contradiction to the definition of k- remainder cordial labeling.

**Case(ii):**  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$

Let  $n = 3t + 1$  where  $t \geq 1$ . We have the following types.

Type A:  $v_f(1) = t+1, v_f(2) = t, v_f(3) = t$

Type B:  $v_f(1) = t, v_f(2) = t+1, v_f(3) = t$

Type C:  $v_f(1) = t, v_f(2) = t, v_f(3) = t+1$

**Subcase(i):** Type A:  $v_f(1) = t+1, v_f(2) = t, v_f(3) = t$

We find  $\eta_f(1) = t^2$  and  $\eta_f(0) = \binom{t+1}{2} + \binom{t}{2} + \binom{t}{2} + t(t+1) + t(t+1)$

$$= \frac{t(t+1)}{2} + 2\frac{t(t-1)}{2} + 2t^2 + 2t$$

$$= \frac{3t^2+3t}{2}$$

Then we have  $\eta_f(0) - \eta_f(1) = \frac{3t^2+3t}{2} - t^2 = \frac{t^2+3t}{2}$ .

Therefore  $|\eta_f(0) - \eta_f(1)| > 1$ , a contradiction to the definition of k- remainder cordial labeling.

**Subcase(ii):** Type B:  $v_f(1) = t, v_f(2) = t+1, v_f(3) = t$

We find  $\eta_f(1) = t(t+1)$  and  $\eta_f(0) = \binom{t}{2} + \binom{t+1}{2} + \binom{t}{2} + t(t+1) + t^2$

$$= 2\frac{t(t-1)}{2} + \frac{t(t+1)}{2} + 2t^2 + t$$

$$= \frac{7t^2-3t}{2}$$

Then we get  $\eta_f(0) - \eta_f(1) = \frac{7t^2-3t}{2} - t^2 - t = \frac{5t^2-5t}{2}$ .

Finally we have  $|\eta_f(0) - \eta_f(1)| = \frac{5t^2-5t}{2} > 1$ , a contradiction to edge condition of k- remainder cordial labeling.

**Subcase(iii):** Type C:  $v_f(1) = t, v_f(2) = t, v_f(3) = t+1$

We find  $\eta_f(1) = t(t+1)$  and  $\eta_f(0) = \binom{t}{2} + \binom{t}{2} + \binom{t+1}{2} + t^2 + t(t+1)$

$$= 2\frac{t(t-1)}{2} + \frac{t(t+1)}{2} + 2t^2 + t$$

$$= \frac{2t^2-2t+t^2+t+4t^2+2t}{2}$$

$$= \frac{7t^2+t}{2}$$

Then we get  $\eta_f(0) - \eta_f(1) = \frac{7t^2+t}{2} - t^2 - t = \frac{5t^2-t}{2}$ .

Clearly we get  $|\eta_f(0) - \eta_f(1)| = \frac{5t^2-t}{2} > 1$ , a contradiction to the definition of k- remainder cordial labeling.

**Case(iii):**  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$

Let  $n = 3t + 2$  where  $t \geq 1$ . We have the following three types.

Type D:  $v_f(1) = t, v_f(2) = t+1= v_f(3)$

Type E:  $v_f(1) = t+1= v_f(2), v_f(3) = t$

Type F:  $v_f(1) = t+1= v_f(3), v_f(2) = t$

**Subcase(i):** Type D:  $v_f(1) = t, v_f(2) = t+1= v_f(3)$

We find  $\eta_f(0) = \binom{t}{2} + \binom{t+1}{2} + \binom{t+1}{2} + t(t+1) + t(t+1)$

$$= \frac{t(t-1)}{2} + 2\frac{t(t+1)}{2} + 2t^2 + 2t$$

$$= \frac{7t^2-5t}{2}$$

and  $\eta_f(1) = (t+1)^2 = t^2 + 2t+1$ .

Then we get  $\eta_f(0) - \eta_f(1) = \frac{7t^2-5t}{2} - (t^2 + 2t+1) = \frac{5t^2-t-2}{2}$ .

This implies  $|\eta_f(0) - \eta_f(1)| = \frac{5t^2-t-2}{2} > 1$ , a contradiction to  $|\eta_f(0) - \eta_f(1)| \leq 1$ .

**Subcase(ii):** Type E:  $v_f(1) = t+1= v_f(2), v_f(3) = t$

We get  $\eta_f(0) = \binom{t+1}{2} + \binom{t+1}{2} + \binom{t}{2} + (t+1)^2 + t(t+1)$

$$= 2\frac{t(t+1)}{2} + \frac{t(t-1)}{2} + t^2 + 2t+1 + t^2 + t$$

$$= \frac{7t^2+7t+2}{2}$$

and  $\eta_f(1) = t(t+1) = t^2 + t$ .

Then we get  $\eta_f(0) - \eta_f(1) = \frac{7t^2+7t+2}{2} - (t^2 + t) = \frac{5t^2-5t+2}{2}$ .

Clearly  $|\eta_f(0) - \eta_f(1)| = \frac{5t^2-5t+2}{2} > 1$ , a contradiction of k- remainder cordial labeling definition.

**Subcase(iii):** Type F:  $v_f(1) = t+1= v_f(3), v_f(2) = t$

We have  $\eta_f(0) = \binom{t+1}{2} + \binom{t}{2} + \binom{t+1}{2} + (t+1)^2 + t(t+1)$

$$= 2 \frac{t(t+1)}{2} + \frac{t(t-1)}{2} + t^2 + 2t+1+ t^2 + t$$

$$= \frac{7t^2+7t+2}{2}$$

and  $\eta_f(1) = t(t+1) = t^2 + t$ .

Then we get  $\eta_f(0) - \eta_f(1) = \frac{7t^2+7t+2}{2} - (t^2 + t) = \frac{5t^2-5t+2}{2}$ .

Therefore  $|\eta_f(0) - \eta_f(1)| = \frac{5t^2-5t+2}{2} > 1$ , a contradiction to the definition of k- remainder cordial labeling. Thus ,  $K_n$  is 3- remainder cordial iff  $n \leq 3$ .

Finally we investigate the 3- remainder cordial labeling behavior of the comb.

**Theorem 2.6:** The comb  $P_n \odot K_1$  is 3- remainder cordial for all values of n.

**Proof.** Let  $P_n$  be a path  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$ . Let  $V(P_n \odot K_1) = V(P_n) \cup \{v_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and  $E(P_n \odot K_1) = \{u_i v_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ . It easy to verify that the graph  $P_n \odot K_1$  has  $2n$  vertices and  $2n - 1$  edges respectively.

**Case(i):**  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$

Assign the labels 1,2, and 3 to the vertices  $u_1, u_2,$  and  $u_3$  respectively. Next assign the labels 1,2, and 3 respectively to the vertices  $u_4, u_5,$  and  $u_6$ . Continuing like this until we reach the vertex  $u_n$ . Clearly in this process the last vertex  $u_n$  receive the label 3. Next we move to the pendant vertices  $v_i, (1 \leq i \leq n)$ . Assign the labels 1,3, and 2 to the vertices  $v_1, v_2,$  and  $v_3$  respectively. Next assign the labels 1,3, and 2 respectively to the vertices  $v_4, v_5,$  and  $v_6$ . Proceeding like this until we reach the vertex  $v_n$ . So that in this process the last vertex  $v_n$  receive the label 2.

**Case(ii):**  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$

Assign the labels to the vertices  $u_i, v_i, (1 \leq i \leq n-1)$  as in case(i). Next assign the labels 2, and 1 respectively to the vertices  $u_n,$  and  $v_n$ .

**Case(iii):**  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$

Assign the labels to the vertices  $u_i, v_i, (1 \leq i \leq n-2)$  as in case(i). Next assign the labels 2, and 1 respectively to the vertices  $u_n,$  and  $v_n$ . Finally assign the labels 2, 1, 3, and 1 to the vertices  $u_{n-1}, u_n, v_{n-1}$  and  $v_n$  respectively. The table 5 shows that the function  $f$  is 3-remainder cordial labeling of the comb.

Table 5

Nature of n	$v_f(1)$	$v_f(2)$	$v_f(3)$	$\eta_f(0)$	$\eta_f(1)$
$n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$	$\frac{n}{3}$	$\frac{n}{3}$	$\frac{n}{3}$	n-1	n
$n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$	$\frac{2n+1}{3}$	$\frac{2n+1}{3}$	$\frac{2n-2}{3}$	n-1	n
$n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$	$\frac{2n+2}{3}$	$\frac{2n-1}{3}$	$\frac{2n-1}{3}$	n-1	n

**Corollary 2.7:** All crowns are 3- remainder cordial for all values of n.

**Proof:** Let  $C_n \odot K_1$  be the given crown and  $C_n: u_1 u_2 \dots, u_n u_1$  be the cycle. The vertex labeling given in theorem: 2.6 is obviously a 3- remainder cordial labeling of  $C_n \odot K_1$ .

For illustration, a 3- remainder cordial labeling of  $C_6 \odot K_1$  is shown in Figure 2.1.

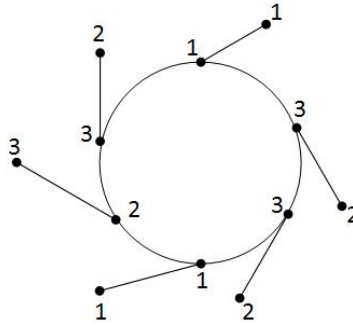


Figure 2.1

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